

2006 LEGISLATOR'S BIKE TO WORK RIDE

On Wednesday, May 10, 2006, State Senator Dave Sokola and State Representative Roger Roy will lead cyclists on the 17th annual Legislator's Bike to Work Ride from northern New Castle County to Legislative Hall in Dover. This 56-mile ride began in May 1990, with Rep. Roy leading a small group of bicyclists from the Delcastle Recreation Area to the steps of the State Capitol in Dover to attend the signing of the bill creating the Delaware Bicycle Council. At the conclusion of the ride, the governor traditionally meets the cyclists on the Dover Green to sign a proclamation declaring Bike to Work Week. This event takes place rain or shine.

The purpose of this event is to encourage the use of alternative forms of transportation. In 2005, several students from the Charter School of Wilmington and Salesianum rode the 56 miles and were among the 70 participants who successfully completed the ride.

A number of individuals and organizations – including the Delaware Bicycle Council, the White Clay Bicycle Club, state lawmakers, DelDOT, Bike Line and the Biking Blue Hens – are working together to make this event a success. To ensure safety, cyclists will ride mainly on back roads, and one lane of the Summit Bridge will be closed to automobile traffic. Bike Line will provide sag service and will trail the last rider to account for all participants. The Delaware Bicycle Council will provide fruit, snacks and water at Legislative Hall. For those who only want to ride one way, return transportation on the Biking Blue Hens' bus, "Henhaus," is available **by advance reservation only**. All participants requiring return transportation from Dover should contact Don Carbaugh, 302-529-7929, dcarbaugh@comcast.net as soon as possible.

This year, cyclists will begin the route at the Polly Drummond Shopping Center at 7 AM. The ride will conclude at approximately 12:30 PM in front of Legislative Hall. Those who wish to ride a shorter distance may join at one of several checkpoints along the way. Since return transportation space is limited, riders may want to park at one of these checkpoints and ride round trip from there.

Jay Kirby will lead a group from Milton to join up with the group from the north just outside Dover. For information, contact Jay at 302-856-6913, jaybikes4fun@comcast.net.